

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## February Ice Storm **SITUATION REPORT #4** 0700 Hours 15 February 2007

*New Information in Bold Italics*

### **WEATHER FORECAST**

Today: Wind Chill values as low as 4 below. ADVISORY IN EFFECT. Mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries this morning. Highs around 30. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 12. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wind Chill values as low as 1.

Friday: Mostly Sunny. Highs in the upper 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Wind chill values as low as 2.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**State of Emergency:** As of 1308 hours 13 February Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to the ice storm.

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations. The VEOC **will conduct** conference calls today with State Agencies, NWS offices, and localities in 5 VDEM Regions.

**Protective Actions:**   **Local Emergency Declared:**  
                                  ***Rockbridge County – 14 February at 2030 hours***  
                                  ***Augusta County – 14 February at 1330 hours***  
                                  Shenandoah County – 13 February at 1500 hours  
                                  Page County – 13 February ***at 1630 hours***

**EOC Activations:**  
Orange County – 14 February at 0700 hours (partial activation)  
Rockbridge County – 14 February at 0100 hours  
Loudoun County – 13 February at 0330 hours

### **OPERATIONS SECTION**

**State Warning Point:** Monitoring the situation and consulting with NWS offices on current updates.

**Local Liaison:** Regional Coordinators were deployed to the Staunton, Roanoke, and Shenandoah/Winchester areas. These liaisons are available to advise local communities in response activities.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH**

**ESF 4 – Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)** – Two groups of 5 chainsaw crews and 2 humvees were deployed to the City of Harrisonburg and the VDOT Stephens City Construction Yard. Chainsaw crews were sent to the Fairfield area office.

**ESF 13 – Virginia National Guard (VNG)** – ***The Virginia National Guard was released at 1600 hours 14 February.***

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## HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 6 – American Red Cross (ARC)** – American Red Cross is monitoring the effects of the weather event across the Commonwealth.

## INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

**ESF 1 – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** – *As of 0630 hours, VDOT reports that there are no continuing road closures as a result of the winter storm.*

**ESF 12 – Energy** – *As of 0600 hours Virginia Dominion Power reported 8,105 customers without power. As of 0600 hours Rappahannock Electric reports 7,183 customers without power. Northern Neck – 50 customers without power (no update available since last Situation Report). NOVEC is reporting no customers without power. Appalachian Power reports approximately 8,190 customers without power as of 0600 hours. Restoration activities are underway in all areas.*

## LOGISTICS SECTION

*In the process of releasing assets.*

## PLANNING SECTION

**ESF 5 - Emergency Management** – Conducting State Agency and Region wide conference calls, preparing daily situation reports and an incident action plan.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**ESF 15 – Public Information** – The VPIC opened 14 February at 0800 hours and ran until 1800 hours. ***The VPIC will not reopen today.*** Continuing to update storm section of vaemergency.com. The Joint Information Center (JIC) drafted a news release for distribution by the Governor's office on state preparations and responded to several media inquiries. Reports of storm related fatalities have been received but have not yet been confirmed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**Region I:** *Caroline County opened a warming center shelter at 2030 hours 14 February at the Upper Caroline Volunteer Fire Department. The shelter was closed and the family of four occupying it was provided lodging at a local hotel by the American Red Cross.*

**Region II:** *King George County opened a shelter at 1700 14 February which will remain open until 0800 15 February. Louisa County will open a shelter at Louisa County Middle School.*

**Region III:** Augusta County reports a shelter was opened at Wilson Middle School in Fishersville at 1200 hours 14 February. ***The shelter will close at 0800 hours 15 February.*** City of Waynesboro opened a shelter at the Waynesboro High School at 1200 hours 14 February.

**Region VI:** *Rockbridge County has two shelters open with no shelterees.*

## NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS

The DCEMA activated the Emergency Operations Center at 1800 hours on 13 February and will remain activated through Thursday afternoon.

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